

REMARKS

As explained in the accompanying Petition to Withdraw from Issue, as presently allowed, Claim 23 contains an internal inconsistency. Claim 23 recites a 54 amino acid sequence and in a parenthetical identifies SEQ ID NO:2. The 54 amino acid sequence recited in allowed Claim 23 is not identical to SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing but rather is identical to SEQ ID NO:1 in the sequence listing. The difference between SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 is a single amino acid at residue 28. The 54 amino acid sequence recited in allowed Claim 23 is identified as SEQ ID NO:2 in the *specification*. See application as filed at page 2, line 11 and Figure 1B. Accordingly, to avoid confusion, applicants will amend the sequence listing so that SEQ ID NO:2 is identical to the 54 amino acid sequence identified in allowed Claim 23 and is consistent with the specification. SEQ ID NO:1 will also be amended so that it is consistent with the specification. See application as filed at page 2, lines 10-11 and Figure 1A.

No new matter is added. See application as filed at page 2, lines 10-11 and Figure 1.

An early and favorable Action is requested.

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